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DOE–GJO To Host Third Annual S.N.A.R.F. Summer Science Camps

(Grand Junction, CO) — Approximately 220 local grade school students will explore the science of nature, magic, energy, and rockets at the third annual S.N.A.R.F. Science Camps sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Grand Junction Office (DOE–GJO). The two camp sessions will be held July 15–19 and July 22–26 at Orchard Mesa Middle School in Grand Junction.

S.N.A.R.F. stands for Science, Nature, Astronomy, Radiation, and Flight. Camp activities are designed to encourage group cooperation and to develop basic scientific reasoning skills while exploring these science areas.

"The camp is extremely popular because we cover topics that are not normally included in school curricula and kids like the hands-on focus of the camp," said Mike Davis, former physics and chemistry teacher at Fruita Monument High School, Fruita, Colorado, who is the camp director. Five students from Fruita Monument High School will be counselors at the camp; they developed and will lead the camp activities. Some of the planned experiments include building and launching a rocket, creating a glow-in-the dark polymer, and making a model wind turbine.

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Note: Media are invited to visit the camp. The camp sessions each day are from 9:00–11:30 a.m. and 12:30–3:00 p.m. at Orchard Mesa Middle School, 2736 Unaweep Avenue, Grand Junction. Contact Wendee Ryan at (970) 248–6765 to schedule a visit.

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